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SUBJ: PO/74/93: FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING

REF: A. USNATO 3709; B. USNATO 3707

TEXT OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S PO/74/93 SUBJECT FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE DRFENSE MINISTER MEETING IS QUOTED BELOW. DURING DRC MEETING JULY 2, ASYG HUMPHREYS INDICATED PO WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY DPC PERM REPS IN ABOUT 10 DAYS (REF A). REF B REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON STUDY OF NATO'S USE OF WARNING TIME (PARAS 19 AND 20 OF PO). ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR DPC MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT:

FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE DEFENCE MINISTERS MEETING

THE DECISIONS WHICH I HAVE RECORDED AS BEING TAKEN BY DEFENCE MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING OF 14TH JUNE, 1974 ARE SET CONFIDENTIAL

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OUT IN DPC/D(74)15. THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF CERTAIN PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY MINISTERS IN STATEMENTS WHICH WERE CIRCULATED DURING THE MEETING, BUT WHICH WERE NOT ACTUALLY DISCUSSED; THESE ARE INCLUDED IN THE ADDENDUM

TO THE VERBATIM RECORD (DPC-VR(74)15). I CONSIDER, THEREFORE, THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW-UP TO THIS MEETING AS A WHOLE AND TO GIVE FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THE WORK PROGRAMME LEADING UP TO THE NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER.

NATO DEFENCE REVIEW 1974

2. THE FORCE GOALS NOW ADOPTED (SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESERVATIONS) FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 1980 WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE AUTUMN DEFENCE REVIEW, WHICH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREED PROCEDURE (DPC/D(71)10). THE FORCE GOALS PROVIDE THE CRITERIA AGAINST WHICH EACH COUNTRY'S MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE IS ASSESSED AND MONITORED DURING THE DEFENCE REVIEW. THE REVIEW ALSO ESTABLISHES A NATO FORCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1979 AND PROVIDES THE CONTEXT IN WHICH COUNTRIES COMMIT FORCES TO NATO FOR THE YEAR 1975.

3. THE DEFENCE REVIEW IS THUS THE MAIN INSTRUMENT FOR DEFENCE PLANNING IN NATO AND I BELIEVE THAT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF THE OTHER STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES CALLED FOR SHOULD BE INCORPORATED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE REVIEW PROCEDURES.

MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

4. MINISTERS HAVE AGREED THAT AN EARLY START SHOULD BE MADE ON THE PREPARATION OF NEW MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE FOR NATO FORCE PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 1982, AND THAT THIS DOCUMENT

SHOULD BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SUGGESTED THAT CERTAIN "KEY ELEMENTS" SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY DEFENCE MINISTERS AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING. THE COMPLETE VERSION WILL, HOWEVER, BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS FOR APPROVAL AT THEIR MEETING IN SPRING 1975.

5. I PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT WE ASK THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO START WORK ON THE DRAFTING OF THIS DOCUMENT  
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IMMEDIATELY; I BELIEVE ALSO THAT THE FIRST OF THE KEY ELEMENTS THEY SHOULD CONSIDER IS THE ECONOMIC SECTION, THAT IS THE ASSUMPTIONS WHICH SHOULD BE MADE ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES FOR DEFENCE. ANOTHER KEY ELEMENT MIGHT BE THE QUESTION OF WARNING TIME (SEE PARAGRAPHS 19 AND 20 BELOW).

6. IT WILL BE NECESSARY IN THIS CASE TO ACCELERATE THE PRODUCTION OF TWO STUDIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE APPRECIATION OF THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT. I SUGGEST WE INVITE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THESE STUDIES, WITH THE AIM OF MAKING THEM AVAILABLE TO US BY THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER AND THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER RESPECTIVELY.

7. AS WE AGREED AT OUR MEETING ON 28TH JUNE, THIS ACTION  
WILL ALSO MEET THE PROPOSAL OF THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
FOR A STUDY OF NATO'S DEFENCE POSTURE IN THE 1980S.

AD 70

8. MINISTERS WILL EXPECT A FURTHER REPORT IN THE AD 70  
SERIES AT THEIR SPRING MEETING IN 1975. I SUGGEST WE ASK THE  
EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF THIS  
REPORT AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO US BEFORE DECEMBER.

9. SPRING 1975 WILL MAKE THE MID-POINT OF THE AD 70 DECADE.  
IT IS PERHAPS FOR CONSIDERATION WHETHER THE NEXT REPORT SHOULD NOT  
BE OF A MORE RADICAL NATURE THEN USUAL; CERTAINLY IT SHOULD BE  
DRAFTED IN A FORM WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A SUITABLE COMPLEMENT TO THE  
MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

10. SOME OF THE ISSUES COVERED BY THE MOST RECENT AD 70  
REPORT (DPC/D/(74)9) MAY, HOWEVER, NEED TO BE CONSIDERED AGAIN BY  
MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1974. THESE ARE DISCUSSED BELOW.

BASIC ISSUES

11. THERE ARE NOW SIX SPECIFIC AREAS ON WHICH MINISTERS HAVE  
AGREED THAT SPECIAL EMPHASIS NEEDS TO BE PLACED. THESE ARE:

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AIRFIELD PROTECTION  
ARMOUR/ANTI-ARMOUR  
WAR RESERVE STOCKS  
ELECTRONIC WARFARE  
MOBILE AIR DEFENCE  
MODERN AIR DELIVERED MUNITIONS

I PROPOSE THAT THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED  
TO MAKE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THESE SUBJECTS IN THEIR DETAILED  
REPORTS ON COUNTRY FORCE PLANS PREPARED IN THE COURSE OF THE  
1974 DEFENCE REVIEW. THEY COULD BE COVERED AGAIN IN THE AD 70  
REPORT IN SPRING 1975.

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12. MEANWHILE THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE ASKED TO CONTINUE ITS PROGRAMME OF BRIEFINGS AND TO ENSURE THAT ACTION IS TAKEN TO COMPLETE OUTSTANDING REPORTS AND STUDIES. THE LATTER ARE MAINLY CONCERNED WITH AIRFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAMMES, THE SHAPE AIR DEFENCE STUDY AND WAR RESERVE STOCK POLICIES. THE FIELD OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE WILL ALSO BE COVERED BY THE CNAD.

STANDARDIZATION

13. I HAVE LITTLE TO ADD TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE DECISION SHEET. I SUGGEST THAT THE CNADS SHOULD BE ASKED TO SUBMIT TO US A REPORT FOR MINISTERS ON THE FOUR SUBJECTS NAMED, I.E.:

AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AIRCRAFT  
ELECTRONIC WARFARE  
F104G REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT  
STANDARDIZATION OF RIFLE AMMUNITION,  
AND NEW RIFLES FOR THE 1980S.

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I FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF THE DECISIONS WHICH WOULD PERMIT STANDARDIZATION IN THESE SPHERES GO BEYOND THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CNAD; IT WILL BE NECESSARY, THEREFORE, FOR MINISTERS TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THESE ACTIVITIES IF ANY SUCCESS IS TO BE ACHIEVED. WE SHOULD ALSO, I THINK, ENDORSE THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL THAT THE CNAD SHOULD BE INVITED TO PUT FORWARD ONE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION FOR ARMAMENTS CO-OPERATION AT EACH MINISTERIAL MEETING.

14. MY VIEW IS THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE FIRD OF EQUIPMENT STANDARDIZATION.

SPECIALIZATION

15. I PROPOSE THAT THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP SHOULD TAKE AS THE STARTING POINT FOR THEIR FUTURE STUDIES OF SPECIALIZATION OF DEFENCE TASKS THE DETAILED MATRIX WHICH THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IS ABOUT TO CIRCULATE. THEY SHOULD AIM TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES FOR SPECIALIZATION WHICH TWO OR MORE COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS, AND TO SET UP APPROPRIATE MACHINERY FOR DETAILED STUDIES. THE GROUP CAN ALSO CONTINUE ITS WORK ON THE REPORT OF THE LOGISTICS SUB-GROUP.

#### FLEXIBILITY AND RATIONALIZATION OF FORCES

16. THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MADE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT COMMENTS ON THE NEED FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND FOR THE RATIONALIZATION OF NATO FORCES. (THESE ARE SET OUT IN PARAGRAPHS 8 TO 29 OF ANNEX C TO DPC-VR(7415.) IT SEEMS TO ME, HOWEVER, THAT MOST OF THESE ARE SUBSUMED IN THE PROPOSAL THAT SACEUR SHOULD BE ASKED TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE MORE FLEXIBLE USE OF HIS FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION. SUCH A REPORT MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER THE MORE FLEXIBLE USE OF FORCES FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE FLANKS. IN PREPARING THIS REPORT SACEUR MAY WISH TO DRAW ON WORK ALREADY IN PROGRESS ON THE RECEPTION AND SUPPORT OF REINFORCEMENT FORCES, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THESE ARRANGMENTS AFFECT FORCES PLANNED TO BE DELIVERED BY AIR, THIS STUDY MAY NEED TO BE CONDUCTED IN PARALLEL WITH THE STUDY OF AIR TRANSPORT RESOURCES WHICH THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE AGREED TO UNDERTAKE ON 3RD APRIL, 1974.

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17. I SUGGEST WE ASK THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO INVITE SACEUR TO INITIATE A STUDY ON THESE LINES.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

18. I PROPOSE THAT THE NICS ORGANIZATION SHOULD KEEP THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE INFORMED AT REGULAR INTERVALS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ACCELERATE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AUTOMATIC TELEGRAPH RELAY SYSTEM (TARE). ANOTHER PRIORITY ISSUE CONCERNS THE LACK OF INTEROPERABILITY OF PRESENT TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND I CONSIDER THAT CNAD SHOULD PREPARE A SPECIAL REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING NEXT DECEMBER.

#### WARNING TIME

19. WE HAVE STILL NOT TAKEN A DECISION ON THE SUGGESTION MADE BY SEVERAL MINISTERS AT THE MEETING ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1973 THAT NATO SHOULD UNDERTAKE A NEW STUDY OF WARNING TIME IN THE LIGHT OF ISRAELI EXPERIENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR. TO SOME EXTENT THIS GROUND HAS BEEN COVERED BY THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF MC 161, WHICH DISCUSSES THE EXTENT TO WHICH INTELLIGENCE SOURCES MIGHT BE ABLE TO PREDICT AN IMPENDING ATTACK. CERTAIN WORK IS ALSO IN PROGRESS IN THE COEC FIELD ON PROCEDURES FOR THE

COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND THE PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENTS IN CRISIS CONDITIONS. BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS FULLY MEETS THE PURPOSE WHICH I BELIEVE MINISTERS HAD IN MIND, WHICH IS TO REASSESS THE AMOUNT OF USEABLE WARNING TIME (OR PREPARATION TIME) WHICH NATO MIGHT EXPECT TO RECEIVE. THIS MIGHT BE DONE BY COMPARING THE LATEST MC 161 PREDICTIONS WITH THE TIME NECESSARY TO PUT THE ALLIANCE ON A WAR FOOTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM, MAKING DUE ALLOWANCE FOR CAPITALS.

20. PERHAPS WE MIGHT DISCUSS THE VALUE OF SUCH A STUDY, AND HOW AND BY WHOM IT MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT. CLEARLY IT WOULD HELP TO CLARIFY ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

OTHER MATTERS

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21. THERE WILL OF COURSE BE OTHER MATTERS WHICH MINISTERS WILL WISH TO DISCUSS IN DECEMBER, SUCH AS INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING THE HEADQUARTERS OF ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE. IT SEEMS TO ME, HOWEVER, THAT NO SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS ON THESE ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PRESENT.

GENERAL

22. I PROPOSE TO PLACE THIS DOCUMENT ON THE AGENDA OF AN EARLY MEETING OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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